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## **News Highlights From Around the Region**

In the last quarter of 2012, SWR continued to advise and support its member wings in the accomplishment of their mission. A Texas Wing squadron conducted a double-Spaatz and Mitchell ceremony. Wings conducted ES and support missions. Extensive training took place across the region.

To avoid errors or omissions, I've asked each wing PAO to send in a summary of notable events. They are posted below in the order in which they were received, with my thanks.

**Arizona Wing** strengthened its capabilities by training everyone from the newest recruits at a basic orientation to its most seasoned senior members deploying the latest airborne GIIEP technology. GIIEP technology was featured during the November 2012 OPEX as Arizona demonstrated its Area Command capability at the Arizona Dept. of Emergency Management Operations Center. The Wing celebrated National Character Day by offering the first-ever event featuring the new CAP pedal carts and the Scottsdale Airshow offered the public an opportunity to learn more about CAP programs.

**New Mexico Wing** held a Field Training Exercise and a SAREX. In Veterans Day observances, Wing Commander Col. Mark Smith was interviewed on television, members took part in statewide events, and CAP assisted in a widely publicized "free meals to veterans" event. CAP presence at a Wreaths Across America ceremony in Santa Fe and Socorro merited wide publicity. The November wing conference was attended by Col. Mary Feik, National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Joe Vazquez, National Development Director Skip Dotherow, and SWR Commander Col. Frank Buethe.

**Texas Wing** conducted SLSs, CLCs, a Fall CTEP and TLC, a DSAREX, and an Interagency Field Test and Evaluation Mission; supported a Bronze Eagles fly-in, Wreaths Across America and National Red Ribbon Week. The wing's legislative liaison assisted a Congressman at a post office re-dedication to honor area veterans. Renovation of the new Wing headquarters progressed toward a February move-in and March formal opening. Two Texas Wing cadets earned their Spaatz Awards and a third cadet earned the Mitchell Award, all of them from the same squadron.

**Oklahoma Wing** participated in 2 non-distress SAR missions, resulting in finds. The wing conducted SLS and CLC

Professional Development courses, were held at Spartan College of Aeronautics in October and November respectively. The Jackson County Senior Squadron in Altus trained two new pilots in October. In addition, squadrons recognized their members with awards and celebrated the holiday season throughout December. The wing conducted cadet orientation-ride days across the wing, completing multiple levels for many of the wing's cadets.

**Louisiana Wing** conducted emergency services training at all levels, responded to requests for assistance at the local and state level, provided opportunities for senior member professional development, conducted organized cadet training and development, and participated in community service initiatives. Squadron members met regularly, and unit commanders recognized individual achievement by presenting promotion certificates to cadets and senior members, as applicable. Flight training was emphasized for both pilots and aircrew members. In keeping with national directives, safety was emphasized in planning and executing training and missions.

**Arkansas Wing** conducted emergency services training at all levels, responded to requests for assistance at the local and state level, provided opportunities for senior member professional development, conducted organized cadet training and development, and participated in community service initiatives. Squadron members met regularly, and unit commanders recognized individual achievement by presenting promotion certificates to cadets and senior members, as applicable. Flight training was emphasized for both pilots and aircrew members. In keeping with national directives, safety was emphasized in planning and executing training and missions.

To everyone, our congratulations. 🇺🇸

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#### ▪ ***Which Articles Are Best?***

Ideally, articles should deal with a wing-wide event, preferably conducted in conjunction or coordinated with another wing (or better yet across regions).

Individual articles dealing with a subject that is of interest to a broad audience qualify as well.

Articles bylined by cadets, especially when the subject is of interest to a broad audience, are also welcome.

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Top: Group photo at the private reception hosted by Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Douglas H. Owens. (Photos: Maj. Arthur E. Woodgate)

### ***Lt. Gen. Owens Presents Two Spaatz and a Mitchell Awards in Texas***

*by Maj. Arthur E. Woodgate, CAP, Southwest Region*

TEMPLE, Texas – On Oct. 13, 2012, “Two in a thousand,” said Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, Vice Commander of Air Education and Training Command, headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio – Randolph AFB, “On average, that’s how many Civil Air Patrol cadets will achieve the Spaatz Award, and that is as high as a Civil Air Patrol cadet can go.” Lt. Gen. Owens had agreed to present the Spaatz Award to Cadets John S. Gomez-Simmons and Joshua L. Pravel, as well as the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet Friedrich “Fritz” Sala, all members of the Shoemaker Composite Squadron in Temple, Texas. This was a major milestone for the squadron, as it saw the promotion of two of its cadets to the highest cadet grade, and a third cadet achieved his first step into cadet officer grade.

The ceremony was scheduled to start at 10:40 a.m. at the Temple Cultural Activities Center,



with the squadron’s cadets presenting the colors. The general arrived early and held a private reception for the Spaatz awardees (“Spaatzen” in CAP-speak), who were invited to bring along their family and friends. The general spoke eloquently about the meaning of the Spaatz Award, how difficult it is to earn it, and what it says about



those who have earned it. He encouraged all cadets to reach for excellence and always give of their best to whatever they chose to do.

The private Spaatzen reception was then expanded to include Cadet Sala, his family and friends. After meeting them as they filed in, Lt. Gen. Owens welcomed Sala to his new cadet officer grade. The Mitchell Award is earned after having completed

the 8th achievement in CAP's Cadet Program, a progression that marks the midpoint in the increasingly demanding ladder towards the 16th and final achievement required for the Spaatz Award. Lt. Gen. Owens used to advantage this relaxed moment to encourage all cadets to do their best. A group photo was taken, then another one for each promoting cadet and his group of family and friends.

Lt. Gen. Owens then called the three awardees to the front, and proceeded to shake hands with them as he passed his own personal challenge coin to each one. This is a singular honor, and a military tradition of long standing. By then, it was time to join the assembly for the formal ceremony.

Besides the awardees' family and friends, those in attendance included Texas Wing Commander Col. Brooks Cima, her husband Lt. Col. Dennis Cima, and her Chief of Staff Capt. Jerry Green. A distinguished guest was Gen. Robert M. Shoemaker, USA (Ret.) former FORSCOM Commander and the man after whom the squadron is named. Gen. Shoemaker was a member of the team that recommended adopting helicopters for a tactical and support role as a standard Army asset for the Vietnam War – thus helping create the Air Cavalry, which figured prominently in that engagement. Numerous CAP members from around Texas Wing filled the large room, with some former CAP cadets now wearing the uniform of college ROTC cadets.

The assembly was called to order and Gen. Owens, Cadet Col. Gomez-Simmons, Cadet Col. Pravel, and Cadet 2nd Lt. Sala filed to the front of the auditorium where they stood by their seats as the master of ceremonies ordered, "Post the colors." The Shoemaker Composite Squadron's Color Guard marched in, presented the colors to the assembly, posted the colors at the front of the room, and filed out. The awards ceremony had started.

Lt. Gen. Owens opened the proceedings with inspired words, congratulating Civil Air Patrol for having been there for the U.S. Army Air Corps first, then the U.S. Air Force when it was created. "Your contribution to the air mission in war and peace has been invaluable, and continues to be an essential part of the Air force," he said. He commended the cadet program, especially for its success in forming young leaders, some of whom chose to enter the military in the past and



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others will do so in the future. “But whatever your chosen path might be,” he said, “your leadership skills will sustain you and pave the way to your success.”

He thanked the CAP senior members who mentor cadets while fulfilling their emergency services mission, telling them, “What you do does matter, and it makes a lasting contribution to the state, the nation, and future generations.” He recognized all Civil Air Patrol members for helping the community, state and nation, and told them, “I’m thankful to you and your generosity.” Then he turned to the main reason for his attendance.

“We are here to celebrate two cadets who have reached the pinnacle of the Civil Air Patrol cadet program – Cadet Gomez-Simmons and Cadet Pravel – as well the advancement into the cadet officer ranks of Cadet Sala. We wish them every success.” His remarks stressed the importance of these milestones in the life of a CAP cadet, saying, “It took time, effort and dedication for them to get to this point, and now that they are here, they will know even greater opportunity.”

The theme of his speech was one of dedication, service, opportunity and success. Not only did he recognize the awardees for their accomplishment, but he thanked all those who had made it possible for the cadets to have reached their goals. Most of all, he recognized Civil Air Patrol as a valued partner of the U.S. Air Force and a volunteer service organization devoted to assisting the community, state and nation whenever called into action.

Cadet Gomez-Simmons was called forth to receive his award certificate from Lt. Gen. Owens, whereupon his family members assisted in placing on his uniform his new shoulder boards denoting his promotion to Cadet Colonel. Cadet Pravel was next in line to receive his Spatz Award certificate from Lt. Gen. Owens, and then receiving his new shoulder boards from his parents. Finally, it was Cadet Sala’s turn to receive his Mitchell Award certificate and for his parents to place Cadet 2nd Lt. shoulder boards on his uniform.

After the presentations, each cadet had the opportunity to address the assembly.

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**Above:** Cadet Col. Gomez-Simmons.

**Right:** Cadet Col. Pravel.

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Cadet Gomez-Simmons focused on leadership and determination. He told how, when he had not yet joined CAP but was attending meetings as a guest, being far younger than anyone else, he would come in last in the run. But he persevered and was inspired never to give up. He spoke about the value of learning from failure, and striving



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to overcome it. "Giving up is never the answer to our troubles," he said. Then he quoted Marine Col. John Walter Ripley, "To drop dead is honorable in the pursuit of duty, whereas to quit is the highest form of dishonor." He then thanked all those who had helped him, who were "too numerous to name."

**Right:** Cadet 2nd Lt. Sala.

**Below:** CAP Lt. Col. Sudduth presents a commemorative plaque to Lt. Gen. Owens.



Cadet Pravel addressed himself to all cadets, in rap style and in a humorous vein, though his words were spoken in earnest. He thanked Lt. Gen. Owens, and then spoke of his amazement at how much he had learned as a beginning member first, then as a cadet leader by making a difference in the training of others, always seeking to achieve the highest possible results. He rapped about the awesome responsibility of molding young lives, helping his fellow man, working as part of a team, and becoming self-aware... in a good way. He spoke about believing in himself, and helping others believe in themselves too, as this is a key element of leadership. He thanked his mentors who guided him in the path of excellence and his family for providing the accepting and loving environment that cemented his resolve. In the end, he thanked everyone.

Cadet Sala spoke of self-discipline, conforming to the rules, taking the Core Values to heart and learning to work as part of a team. He marveled at how, through the cadet program, he had first learned how to be led, then how to lead, and finding the meaning of responsibility, duty and the need to strive for excellence. He thanked all his mentors – cadets and senior members alike – and encouraged all cadets to set goal for themselves. "It worked for me," he said. Finally he thanked his family for having helped him with their unswerving support.

In concluding the proceedings, Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Neale Sudduth presented Lt. Gen. Owens with a plaque commemorating the event.



Since 1964 – when the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award was created to honor the first Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and first Chairman of the Civil Air Patrol's National Board –, only 1,858 CAP cadets had received it as of Sept. 1, 2012, for an average of 32 awards per year. As of Oct. 15, 2012, five Texas Wing cadets had earned the Spaatz Award in 2012: Lincoln André, Blake Orth, John S. Gomez-Simmons, Joshua L. Pravel, and Colleen Rojas. 🇺🇸



## **Arizona Wing's Squadron Takes Part in Wreaths Across America Ceremony**

*by Lt. Col. Bill Lynam, CAP, Arizona Wing*

PRESCOTT, Ariz. – At 10 a.m. on Dec. 15, 2012, as the area was blanketed with the seasons' first blizzard in the mountains, evergreen wreaths sponsored through the Wreaths Across America program were laid on veteran's graves at the Prescott National Cemetery.

Civil Air Patrol members of Arizona Wing's Prescott Composite Squadron 206, along with other patriotic groups, laid wreaths throughout the cemetery as well as one at the monument that honors veterans of all branches of the service.

Representing Prescott Composite Squadron 206, Cadet 2nd Lt. Colleen Gonzalez, the cadet commander, was assisted by Cadet Sr. Airman Alexander J. Petlin and Cadet Airman 1st Class Erica J. Petlin as they placed wreaths at the site. CAP Capt. Thomas Osborne, the squadron's deputy commander for cadets, assisted.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the American Legion's Post 6 Honor Guard conducted a ceremonial salute of three volleys of rifle fire. 🇺🇸

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*(All photos: Lt. Col. Bill Lynam)*

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**Top:** New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez discusses the importance of honoring our veterans.

**Below:** Montoya Wreath-Laying 1: Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Joel A. Montoya of Albuquerque Heights Composite Squadron lays a wreath at the grave of his grandfather, 1st Lt. Leon Joseph Garcia, U.S. Army, a veteran of the Korean War, as Maj. Charles W. Matthews (left background) and his mother, Cadet Sponsor Member Michelle T. Montoya, look on. (All photos: Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel)

## ***New Mexico Wing Members Honor Fallen Veterans at Wreaths Across America***

*by Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

SANTA FE, N.M. – On Dec. 15, 2012, freshly-fallen snow covered the ground for nearly 1700 fallen veterans at Santa Fe National Cemetery, as a combined New Mexico Wing 40 cadets and senior members laid wreaths at the Wreaths Across America ceremony. For some, the honor was personal, as they laid wreaths at the graves of fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, brothers and sisters.

The snow stopped by 10 a.m., when the ceremonies started. New Mexico Wing Vice Commander Maj. John Gravel asked for a moment of silence for the veterans, and included the victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., which had taken place on the previous day.

As part of the ceremony, family members or friends of veterans placed wreaths in honor of the six uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. CAP Senior Master Sgt. Charles Grosvenor laid a wreath in honor of all Prisoners of War or those Missing in Action.

Speakers included New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, Santa Fe Mayor David Coss and New Mexico Wing Commander Col. Mark E. Smith. They spoke on Wreaths Across America's three themes: remember our fallen veterans, honor those who have served, and teach the next generation about the importance of service.

A common thread among the speakers was the emphasis they placed on the need to teach. In the words of President Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." 🇺🇸





**Top:** 2nd Lt. Prater uses his pre-flight checklist to ensure that he and his airplane are ready for his check ride.

**Bottom:** 2nd Lt. Prater checks tire pressure during his pre-flight inspection. (Photos: 2nd Lt. Shelly Winters)

## ***Jackson County Composite Squadron Has Two New Pilots***

*by 2nd Lt. Shelly Winters, CAP, Oklahoma Wing*

ALTUS, Okla. – Oklahoma Wing’s Jackson County Composite Squadron in Altus, Okla. has two new pilots to fly their-base assigned aircraft. After months of training, CAP 2nd Lt. Michael Prater and CAP Senior Member James Hill passed their CAP Form 5 check rides to qualify to fly the CAP Cessna 172 based at Altus-Quartz Mountain Regional Airport. This gives the Jackson County Composite Squadron a total of four pilots.

Passing the check ride is the first milestone in a Civil Air Patrol pilot’s career. After completing advanced training, Prater and Hill will become mission pilots, which will authorize them to fly CAP missions such as air search and rescue, damage assessment, and homeland security missions.

Besides meeting all Federal Aviation Administration’s requirements, each Civil Air Patrol pilot must also meet CAP criteria. After achieving the initial rating, pilots must complete an annual check ride to maintain their qualifications current and be able to keep flying CAP aircraft.

“The training and check ride were challenging, but also very rewarding”, Prater said. He and Hill started immediately on their additional training to become mission pilots, that they expect will qualify them in less than three months.

Prater is the Flight Chief, Programs & Resources Flight, Maintenance Operations Division, 97 Maintenance Directorate, Altus AFB, Okla. Hill is an active duty USAF Lt. Col. with the 58th Airlift Squadron, Altus AFB and flies the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Hill is not photographed because he was on temporary assignment with the USAF at the time this article was written. 🇺🇸





**Top:** CAP Col. Mark E. Smith, the New Mexico Wing commander and a Gulf War veteran, discusses his Gulf War experiences with television reporter Joe Vigil, KOB-TV Channel 4. (Photos: Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel)

### ***New Mexico Wing Honors Veterans at Golden Corral***

*by Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On Nov. 12, 2012, in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday, cadets from Eagle Cadet Squadron and Albuquerque Heights "Spirit" Composite Squadron honored veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 10415 Central Ave. NE in Albuquerque,.

Veterans were treated to a free dinner, due in part to the efforts of CAP 1st Lt. Craig Degenhardt. The line of veterans stretched around the block.

Civil Air Patrol has long supported the military, first during World War II, in the areas of courier service, target towing, border patrol and coastal patrol, where CAP's World War II sub chasers were credited with sinking two German U-boats. New Mexico Wing commander Col. Mark E. Smith, a Gulf War veteran, shared his Gulf War experiences with TV reporter Joe Vigil Channel 4.

The doors opened to veterans at 5:00 p.m., and the colors were posted by a color guard composed of Eagle Cadet Squadron and Spirit Composite Squadron.



**Above:** (L-R): Cadet Senior Airmen Juana R. Fox and Xavier Raney and Cadet Staff Sgt. Alexander J. Salazar of Albuquerque Heights "Spirit: Composite Squadron, and Cadet Airman 1st Class Brad Milenski of Eagle Cadet Squadron presented the colors for the veterans.

**Below:** Veterans of all ages line up for a free dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant

The invocation was given by Channel 4 meteorologist Steve Stucker, who is also a civilian chaplain with the International Fellowship of Chaplains. Following the invocation, Smith addressed the attendees, "All have paid the price, and some have paid the ultimate price. I'd like to thank the veterans for the sacrifices they make."

Besides presenting and retiring the colors, the cadets helped serve the veterans, cleared their tables, and thanked them for their service.

Also participating were Naval Junior ROTC cadets from Bataan Military Academy, Highland High School, and the Junior Army Guard (JAG) detachment from Van Buren Middle School. 🇺🇸





## ***Arizona Wing Color Guard Opens State Legislative Session***

*by Maj. Jim Nova, CAP, Arizona Wing*

PHOENIX – On April 4, 2012, the Civil Air Patrol's Arizona Wing Color Guard presented the colors at the opening session of the Arizona House of Representatives at the State Capitol in Phoenix.

In addition to the presentation of the colors, CAP Col. Brian Ready, the Arizona Wing commander, led members of the House of Representatives in the Pledge of Allegiance. CAP Chaplain, Lt. Col. Steve Rountree, Arizona Wing's chaplain emeritus, pronounced the opening prayer and invocation.

Arizona Wing Color Guard members are Cadet Tech Sgt. Courtney Deinzer, Cadet Master Sgt. Ryan Rauch, Cadet Master Sgt. Shauri Thomas, Cadet Master Sgt. Bradley Riethmann, and Cadet Sr. Airman Klara Olcott. Senior Member Joy Olcott is the color guard mentor.

CAP 2nd Lt. Kevin Deinzer, the Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 deputy commander for cadets, assisted with event coordination. 🇺🇸



Top: (L-R) Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Zephaniah Pilcher, Cadet Senior Airman Juana R. Fox and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Julien R. Work man the Mobile Operations Center. (All photos, 2nd Lt. Mary A. Fox.)

### ***FTX Exceeds Expectations***

*by 2nd Lt. Mary A. Fox, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

TIJERAS, N.M. – On Oct. 12-14, 2012, Eagle Cadet Squadron, Albuquerque Senior Squadron II and Los Alamos Composite Squadron joined cadets and senior members from Albuquerque Heights “Spirit” Composite Squadron to participate in an intense field training exercise (FTX) at Cibola National Forest, Cedro Peak, in Tijeras. Planned and conducted by the squadron’s emergency services officer, Capt. Dale R. Perry, the exercise was designed to hone the cadets’ navigation, communications and rescue skills.

On Friday, the squadron’s emergency services training officer, 1st Lt. Daniel C. Andraka, led the cadets in first aid training and the proper use of the rescue Stokes basket. The squadron’s deputy commander for cadets, 1st Lt. Nicki L. Voights, and cadet executive officer, Cadet 1st Lt. Ryan Eckert, taught the cadets how to perform effective line searches.

After a chilly night spent in tents, the cadets had breakfast and prepared for Saturday’s objective: an aircraft was missing since the early morning, presumed to be down in the nearby woods, and the search and rescue team was to find it.



**Left:** Cadet 1st Lt. Ryan Eckert (center) instructs Cadet Senior Airman John LeGalley (left) and Cadet Staff Sgt. Brandon Breedlove on the proper use of direction-finding equipment to find an Emergency Locator Transmitter

While waiting for the details, cadets enjoyed a surprise visit by New Mexico Wing commander Col. Mark E. Smith, who quietly observed the cadets as they finalized their training and prepared for the search. At about 9:00 a.m., a Squadron II aircraft piloted by Senior Member Thomas Goodman – assisted by Capt. Richard Busching, mission observer, and Senior Member Reynold Price, mission scanner – located the accident site and radioed the coordinates for the plane and survivors. Two ground teams, composed of cadets and senior members, headed for the woods.

A second Squadron II aircraft – piloted by Capt. Terry Bass, assisted by mission observer 2nd Lt. David Gonzales, and mission scanners 2nd Lt. Robert Anderson and Senior Member Bonnie Morehardt – arrived on scene at 3:00 p.m., confirming the location of the plane and that of the survivors. The cadets pressed on towards their objective.

The mission's communications, via the Mobile Operations Center (MOC) and hand-held radios, was conducted by Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Julien R. Work of Spirit Squadron, assisted by Cadet Senior Airman Juana R. Fox, also of Spirit, and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Zephaniah Pilcher of Eagle, who recorded the radio messages. When radio contact with the aircraft was lost, Work used a signal mirror as he attempted to catch the flight crew's attention.

The mission's objective was met by 5:00 p.m., when Bravo Team, led by Andraka and assisted by Spirit squadron commander Capt. Michael E. Eckert and Cadet Staff Sgt. Connor Neal of Eagle, came upon the accident site. Alpha Team, led by Voights and Cadet Eckert, found the survivors who had wandered from the site. The teams and victims returned to base camp by 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday morning, both teams entered the woods again, this time with a team of search and rescue dogs from Sandia Search Dogs. Three Sandia members and their dogs worked with the cadets to find two people positioned as lost. "The cadets were granted the opportunity to not only see the dogs work, but understand how they work and how they [the cadets] should work with the dogs," said Cadet 1st Lt. Eckert.

"The weekend was a success," said Perry. "We had good training, with good fun, and good people." Then added, "We accomplished a lot, focused on practicing the basics, and the cadets were able to review and practice the basics, fulfilling the exercise's goal." 🇺🇸



### ***Arizona Wing Trains for Emergency Services Mission***

*by Lt. Col. Bill Lynam,  
CAP, Arizona Wing*

PRESCOTT, Ariz. – On the morning of a snowy Dec. 15, 2012, Civil Air Patrol members from four different Arizona Wing squadrons arrived for Ground Team training. The Prescott Composite Squadron 206 (AZ-083) was the host unit at their Quonset hut on Prescott Airfield. 2nd Lt. Jeff Landtiser of the Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 (AZ-013) was the lead instructor, assisted by Lt. Col. Jim





Oliver of Falcon Composite Squadron 305 (AZ-064) and Lt. Col. Gary Williams of Willie Composite Squadron 304 (AZ-036).

Landtiser led the class through the morning, demonstrating good practices for conducting an urban direction finding (UDF) search. He reviewed the equipment and methodology for their use in Electronic Locator Transmitter (ELT) and Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) ground

searches. Rounding off his presentation, he sprinkled his talk with actual cases drawn from personal experience.

After a lunch break, three ground teams were assembled with each of the visiting Ground Team members acting as the respective team's leader. They then proceeded to a field exercise, each team sent off in different directions to find a missing person using the L-per device. Communication and coordination between all teams was coordinated by Maj Bill Brinkman who manned the Prescott Command radio.

Student members participating were: Maj. Victor La Sala, Capt. Dean Cathcart, 1st Lt. William Tripp and 1st Lt. Kenny Evans of the Verde Valley Composite Squadron 205 (AZ-107); Cadet Sr. Airman Michael Landtiser and Capt. Silas Goodspeed from the Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 (AZ-013); Lt. Col. Richard Rader, Maj. Roy Evans, Maj. Roy Fluhart, Capt. Tom Richtmyer and 1st Lt. Gary Haslam of the Prescott Composite Squadron 206 (AZ-083). 🇺🇸





**Top:** The public filed in for a guided tour of the interior of an Air National Guard Lockheed C-130J Hercules. (All photos: Lt. Col. Phillip T. Crawford, CAP)

### ***Texas Wing Assists in Bronze Eagles Youth Fly-In***

*by Capt. Leonard Sobieski, CAP, Texas Wing*

WACO, Texas – On Oct. 20, 2012, at the Texas State Technical College Airport, Texas Wing's Waco Composite Squadron and Group III assisted the 2012 Bronze Eagles Flying Club of Texas Fly-In by providing senior members and cadets for flight-line boarding assistance and recruiting.

When the Bronze Eagles Flying Club of Texas put on this event last year, they registered 205 young people to fly in privately-provided general aviation aircraft. This year's activity had a goal of flying 250 young people. Judging by the sixteen aircraft on the flight-line and the minor traffic congestion experienced on the ground, the event easily met that goal. The group's website can be found at <http://bronzeeagles.com/>



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**Right:** Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Elise Herbelin answers questions from the public and prospective CAP members

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**Right:** A U.S. Navy TH-57 Bell SeaRanger helicopter.

**Below:** One of the newest U.S. Army UH-72 Lakota helicopter.

One of the more popular static displays was a Texas Air National Guard Lockheed C-130J Hercules. Also on display was a US Navy TH-57 Bell SeaRanger helicopter that Helicopter Training Squadron HT-8 had flown in from Pensacola, Fla. for the event. The US Army displayed one of its newest UH-72 Lakota helicopters. The young people enjoyed talking with the aircrews about aviation, the aircraft, and military careers.



CAP Lt. Col. David Wilson, the Waco Composite Squadron commander, spoke with potential senior members and provided flight-line boarding assistance to the large crowd of excited young people who were about to embark on their first flights. CAP Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Elise Herbelin and CAP Lt. Col. Phillip Crawford handled the recruiting table that had been set up in the foyer of the new Col. James T Connally Aerospace Center. Its website can be found at this address: <https://www.waco.tstc.edu/airport/>

Cadet Herbelin enjoyed the chance to talk with young people about the exciting opportunities in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program. She described the many opportunities to fly, learn valuable leadership skills, participate in Air Force-style drill and ceremonies, learn emergency services, and gain self-confidence.

Numerous aviation- and defense-related companies and organizations were represented at

the event. Several of the more interesting and informative were the table and display from the National Buffalo Soldier Museum detailing to contributions of African American soldiers in the US. Their website can be found at <http://buffalosoldiersmuseum.com/cms/>. The young people in attendance got to meet a Tuskegee Airman. 🇺🇸



**Top:** CAP Maj. Chris R. Branan, Hoffmantown Church, senior associate pastor, addresses the attendees.

**Bottom:** (L-R) The Spirit Composite Squadron Color Guard, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Julien R. Work, Cadet Master Sgt. Nicholas R. Martin, and Cadet Senior Airmen Alexander J. Salazar and Juana R. Fox retire the colors at Hoffmantown Church's Military Appreciation Dinner.

(All photos: Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel)



## ***New Mexico Wing Squadrons at Church Military Appreciation Dinner***

by Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP, New Mexico Wing

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On Sept. 30, 2012, cadets from Albuquerque Heights “Spirit” Composite Squadron joined forces with their counterparts from Eagle Cadet Squadron and Thunderbird Composite Squadron to support Hoffmantown Church’s military ministry at the church’s Military Appreciation Dinner.

The dinner was part of an outreach program to New Mexico veterans, led in part by the pastor of Hoffmantown’s military ministry, CAP Maj. Chris R. Branan, who is also the senior associate pastor at Hoffmantown Church and New Mexico Wing’s Director of Administration. Active duty, Reserve, Guard and retired veterans of all services were invited.

Cadets from Spirit Squadron formed the Color Guard, which presented and retired the colors at the banquet.

Cadets from all units acted as servers for the 340 attendees, filling their glasses, serving their food and clearing their tables at the end of the meal.

Branan thanked all veterans for their service, saying, “We have always recognized our veterans when they came home, but sometimes we did not do that so well.” Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Tim Hale, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services, also expressed his thanks for the veterans’ support.

Guests were entertained by a slideshow that paid tribute to the five armed services—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard—with each service’s song being played at the end of each tribute.

The banquet’s guest speaker, retired Army Col. David Mead, the US Navigators military ministry director, echoed Hale’s thoughts. He told his own personal story about how members of his family were either killed, wounded or suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and how the Navigators reach out to those warriors in need. “The best we can do for our warriors is to set them up to succeed,” he said. 🇺🇸





**Top:** Col. Brian Ready, Wing Command and Incident Commander for the OPEX, and Maj. Elizabeth Patterson, CAP-RAP representative at the Area Command Center. (Photo: Capt. Cindy Beck)

## ***Arizona Wing Deploys Area Command and GIIEP Capability***

*by Capt. Cindy E. Beck, CAP, Arizona Wing*

PHOENIX – On Saturday, Nov 17, 2012, the Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) conducted an Operations Exercise (OPEX) with assistance from U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program (CAP-RAP) representatives. Eleven air sorties were flown in support of simulated Homeland Security missions.

The Arizona Wing activated an Area Command Center at the Arizona State Emergency Operations Center and deployed four regional Operations Command Posts throughout the state. The regional OCPs were located at Deer Valley, Prescott, Falcon Field and Tucson.

During the OPEX, flights successfully deployed CAP's new Geospatial Information Interoperability Exploitation – Portable (GIIEP) technology to transmit live video from CAP aircraft to state emergency operations facilities. Live video from GIIEP will provide more detailed information to emergency response agencies to enhance public safety during future incidents.

In addition to simulated Homeland Security tasking, the CAP-RAP team also injected simulated exercise requirements for search and rescue teams to look for lost hikers in southern Arizona and a simulated Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) signal near Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport.



**Above:** Mission Pilot 2nd Lt. Russ Miller and 1st Lt. Chris Dusard, Mission Observer and GIIEP PC Operator, send live video to the Ariz. Area Command. Capt. Ruben Kafenbaum (not pictured) operated the ground unit and provided live video feed to Area Command and other command staff via webinar.

**Below:** Capt. Jerry Porter, Mission Scanner, operates the video camera during the GIIEP mission.  
(Photos this page, Deer Valley Composite Squadron aircrew)

In the course of conducting the tasked simulated missions, CAP aircrews located a real-world ELT signal coming from an aircraft on the ground near Flagstaff, Ariz. CAP teams ensured that there were no distressed crew members from the aircraft present and secured the ELT signal.

CAP Col. Brian Ready, Commander of the Arizona Wing and Incident Commander for the OPEX, said, "Today's OPEX was an excellent opportunity for learning at all levels, and demonstrating our capabilities to the Arizona State Emergency Management team.

I am proud of our members whose dedication and commitment have enabled us to develop procedures integrating CAP into the National Incident Management System Area Command system." 🇺🇸





### ***Texas Wing Assists in Renaming Postal Service Facility***

*by Capt. Morgan Montalvo, CAP, Texas Wing*

TOMBALL, Texas – On Oct. 18, 2012, Lt. Col. Bob Beeley, CAP (left), Texas Wing's Government Relations Advisor, joined U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) and an estimated 50 attendees at a ceremony renaming the U.S. Postal Service facility in Tomball as the Tomball Veterans Post Office.

Beeley was on hand to officially represent the area's military veterans, and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. The mail center's name change was authorized under H.R. 2660, passed in November, 2011 and enacted on May 15, 2012. 🇺🇸

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## **Oklahoma Wing Training Event Turns into Real Life Emergency**

*by Capt. Rick Rutledge, CAP,  
Oklahoma Wing*

TULSA, Okla. – On the evening of Nov. 2, 2012, Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members from the Jenks-Riverside Flight were conducting search and rescue field training when this turned into a real-life incident. “We were

simply planning on taking the cadets out to see how all the electronic gear we use in search and rescue worked,” said Cadet Major Abby Donjakowski, “when it became a real life mission to find an ELT.”

An Emergency Locator Transmitter, called an ELT by rescue professionals across the United States, is a common piece of equipment installed on all aircraft and most boats, and also carried by most mountain hikers in the gear pack. In an aircraft, the ELT is activated on impact or, in some cases, a hard landing.

“We went into mission mode when we switched the equipment over to the military emergency frequency and heard an active beacon,” said Major Sam Ory, squadron commander of Tulsa’s Starbase Composite squadron, who was visiting the Jenks-Riverside Flight to assist in their training.

Ory said, “We’re trained to always check every frequency before we put away the gear, just in case. That evening, the routine paid off.” Every time search and rescue ground team members hear a live (non-training) ELT signal, they assume at once that it is a life-and-death emergency. This situation was no exception.

Capt. Rick Rutledge, ground team leader and Jenks-Riverside Flight commander, contacted the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida, alerting them to the situation, the SAR controllers activated a live mission number, and the team went to work tracking it down. The Incident Commander was Wing Director of Operations Lt. Col. Ed Angala.

Within minutes the 12-member team had narrowed it down to a hangar on the Jenks-Riverside Airport and contacted one of the three tenants in the building. In half an hour, the business owner was on the scene to let the team in.

Just inside the door, there was an aircraft undergoing a complete teardown and rebuild. Sitting on a workbench in front of the aircraft was the ELT, turned on and active, that team deactivated.

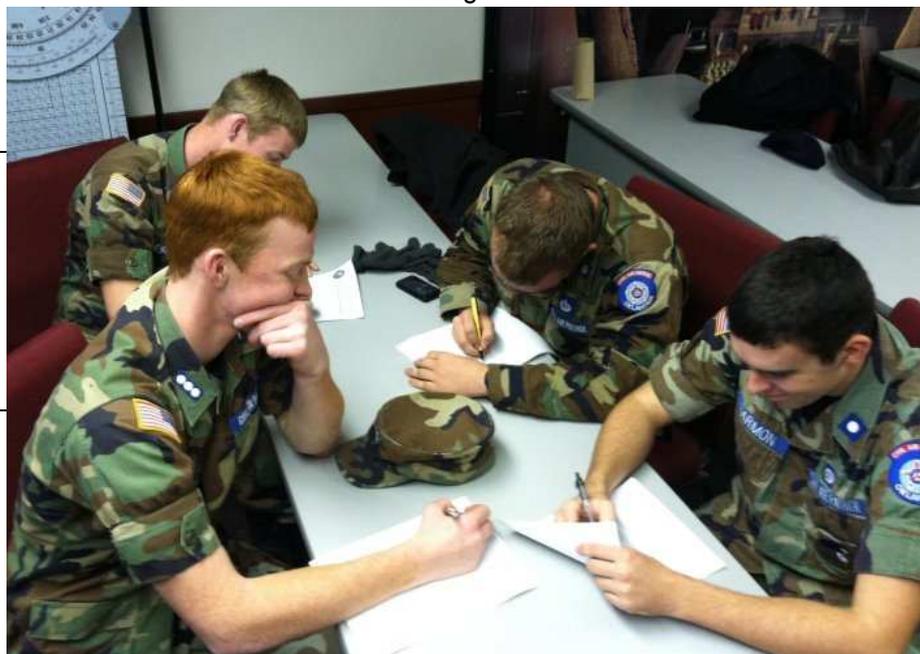
The team had located the ELT and turned it off in less than one hour. Although this time it had been a false alarm, the cadets’ quick reaction and skills made it clear that, in a real emergency, they could have saved lives. 🇺🇸

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**Top:** Capt. Carder Ehlert, commander of the Broken Arrow Composite Squadron conducts a pre-mission briefing.

**Bottom:** (Clockwise from bottom left) Cadet Capt. Ben Leskawat, Cadet Maj. Isaac Leskawat and Cadets 2nd Lt. Ryan Dougherty and Jeremy Harmon record essential mission information.  
(Photos: Capt. Rick Rutledge)

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## ***How the Southwest Region Public Affairs Awards Program Works***

Starting with the Jan., 2013 issue of The Fly-By, by directive of Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank A. Bueth, the region will recognize contributions to The Fly-By as follows:

1. A SWR **CAP Achievement Award** for article publication on three different issues of The Fly-By. Multiple articles in the same issue will count as one.
2. A SWR **Commander's Commendation Award** for article publication on an additional six different issues. Multiple articles in the same issue will count as one.

Region will issue the certificate and send it to the winner's unit at the first available opportunity. The award certificate will be presented at the first available opportunity.

### ***How to Make Submissions Suitable for Publication***

Since The Fly-By is posted on the SWR website, it is an external communication. Therefore, as required by CAPR 190-1, Sec. 7.b.(7), articles must be written in Associated Press Style. If a submission that is not in AP Style is selected for publication, it will be edited to this standard. (NHQ/PA has been using AP Style for all external communications since 2005.)

AP Style is defined in the Associated Press Stylebook (available at [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org)). For a brief summary, please see "Associated Press Style in a Nutshell," overleaf.

"Article" is defined as a narrative that:

- Is written in AP Style;
- Answers the questions Who, What, When, Where, and Why, and preferably also How;
- Has one or more quotes from participants, with attribution;
- Has two or more digital photos attached (not embedded in the text), with appropriate cutlines (photo captions). An article submitted without digital photos that is selected for publication will count as a half-credit. For full credit, it must have accompanying photos.

### ***General advice on writing a good article***

- Get all the facts right, stick to the facts, and do not use hearsay or express opinion.
- Take good digital photos.
  - Do not use digital zoom, or else your photos will lack good focus and definition;
  - Take "action shots" of people doing something interesting that is material to the article;
  - Make sure everyone is in the correct uniform.
  - **Note:** Good photos are essential to add immediacy and flavor to the story.
- Get good quotes.
  - Ask participants for their opinion;
  - Get full grade, name, position title and unit of assignment for each quote.
  - Get the individual's consent to publish the quote as recorded (read it back).
  - **Note:** Getting quotes is how you get to express opinion, and get your readers to share the experience that you are writing about.
- Write in good, idiomatic, unadorned English.
  - Do not "pad" your sentences, such as saying "because of the fact that" when "because" will do;
  - Avoid trite expressions, such as "it goes without saying" – if it does, don't say it;
  - Avoid colloquial expressions;
  - Do not write in acronyms – always define the first instance, such as "Federal Aviation Administration" before you use FAA;
  - No nicknames – unless famous, such as "Ike" for Pres. Dwight E. Eisenhower. 🇺🇸

## ***Associated Press Style in a Nutshell***

Below are the most important rules to keep in mind when writing in AP Style

- Write the title in normal English-language capitalization. Never all in caps.
- Add your byline below the article title
- Do not format the text in the article (only exceptions are: bullet comments and numbered paragraphs in a section that details a process or sequence).
- Do not indent the first line of a paragraph.
- Use AP Style rules for punctuation.
- Single space the article. At the end of each paragraph, execute two end-of lines (Enter key).
- Do not introduce artificial paragraphing by hitting the Enter key at the end of each line in your article. Instead, let the text wrap naturally and tap two Enter keys at the end of the paragraph.
- Use only a single space after a period.
- Insert a dateline at the beginning of the article, following AP Style rules.
- Answer the 5Ws: Who, What, Where, When, Why + the honorary W: How. In writing a CAP article, you will always know the 5Ws.
- Write all dates in AP style.
- Do not use postal codes instead of state abbreviations (not OK but Okla., not NM but N.M.) but some states have no abbreviation, such as Texas.
- Write all military grades in AP Style.
- Write the article in the third person singular.
- Express no opinion.
- To express opinion, use one or more quotes of qualified sources – always get the quoted person's permission to include the quote, unless it is a matter of record (printed article or recorded audio-visual). Get the quoted person's grade, name, job title and organization.
- Never self-quote.
- Identify all persons by grade or title, name, job title if material, and organization.
- Never refer to a young person as "kid."
- When a young person is a CAP cadet, never use "boy," "girl" or "child" but identify each one by grade, full name (or last name only – never first name only), and unit of assignment.
- Never use "their" for the possessive of a singular subject, such as, "the cadet took their meal."
- Avoid the abbreviations i.e. and e.g. You may know what each one means, and the Latin words they represent, but most people confuse the two. Be clear. Write in English and leave Latin and non-English to scholars.
- Refer to CAP members by grade, name, duty position and unit of assignment. Never by first name.
- On second or subsequent references, use only the last name, except when there are two persons with the same last name, in which case the use of both first and last name is preferred (never just the first names).
- In the case of CAP or military commanders or higher ranking senior members, on second reference use the grade and last name.
- Do not use Lt. as a grade. Lt. is a mode of address. The correct grade may be 2nd Lt. or 1st Lt., but never Lt. The Navy is the only service that has the grade of Lt.
- Do not use exclamation marks, as doing so expresses opinion.
- Use simple declarative sentences.
- Avoid the passive voice.
- Remember the good rules of English grammar and syntax, and follow them.
- **For best results**, buy the latest copy of the Associated Press Stylebook, available at a modest cost at [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org) – read it, study it, know it, and use it. 📖